

the immanuelite

celebrating 123 years of ministry



These Bible studies will help us connect with each other and share our worries and hopes for the future. Responses will be used to help shape IMLU's next Strategic Plan. This is a Scripture based study to help churches release the burdens of the pandemic, promote deeper faith in the Spirit's power at work in their midst, and help congregations get in the right frame of mind to navigate challenges and come out stronger and more vital than before. The resources have been downloaded by 450 leaders from 41 states, the District of Columbia, 4 countries, 5 expressions of Lutheranism in North America, and 6 ecumenical partners!

Thriving Beyond Covid Scripture Based Study

Sign up at imluchurch.org or call the office.
Select only one day and time to attend.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 12 in person
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 15
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in person
ZOOM only, 7- 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 19 in person
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 22,
ZOOM only, 7-8:30 p.m.



Intern Pastor Rebekah Installed at Worship August 22



Worship Update/Family Faith Gatherings



Masks Required for In-Person Worship beginning August 22, 2021

On-line Worship available each Sunday at www.imluchurch.org

PLEASE GET VACCINATED. IT IS THE BEST and SAFEST way to prevent covid infection and spread.

WHY ARE MASKS A MUST AGAIN?!?!

1. The C.D.C. recommends **that even vaccinated people should wear masks in settings where Covid-19 may spread more easily.**
2. The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than twice as contagious as previous variants, and may cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons.
3. Currently, Covid vaccines are not available for children under the age of 12.
4. Missoula County is at an **extremely high risk** level for unvaccinated people.
5. Worship indoors with speaking and singing is a high spread event. Wearing masks allows us to meet in person, helps protect people who may be particularly vulnerable to the virus, and prevents spread.
6. The Missoula County Public Schools Board of Trustees approved a mask mandate for all students, staff and guests inside of school buildings this fall.
7. At worship, we welcome infants, children, teens, adults, seniors, expecting mothers, people of all ages and health levels, and vaccinated and non-vaccinated people.
8. We want youth and families to feel welcome and safe to worship at Immanuel at all times.
9. St. Patrick Hospital is full and staffing is short amid COVID-19 delta surge (as of August 16).
10. Chief physician executive Dr. James McKay says the best way you can help hospitals is by getting vaccinated. He recommends wearing masks and social distancing in crowds, especially with the delta variant surging.
11. Social Distancing is not required. Worshippers may social distance as they prefer. Hospitality bracelets color coded for social distancing are available.

The Council and Worship team will continue to monitor the weekly case rates and reserve the right to change these guidelines.



Family Faith Gatherings

Sundays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9,
Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1

4 - 6:15 pm

Mark your calendars! Family Faith Gatherings begin on September 12!

Family Faith Gatherings will contain an opening, class times for Preschoolers through Adults, Family Connect stations, and a meal. Families with kids of any age are welcome! The first one on Sept. 12 will be held at Ron and Nancy Marks' home, the rest will be at the church. We are following the MCPS mask ruling, so when we are meeting inside we will require masks. If you have any questions, please contact Sonja Wolsky at sonja@imluchurch.org.

This & That



Birthdays

Birthdays:

- 9/5 Brittney Marcure, Daniel Beaulieu
- 9/6 Hanna Nagy
- 9/12 Patricia Berge
- 9/15 Craig Happ
- 9/17 Kinsley Long, Mark Mohorcich
- 9/21 Dean Ross, Helen Petroff
- 9/22 Patty Orr
- 9/27 Luca Khomenko
- 9/29 Jerry Jacobson

Anniversaries:

- 9/1 Mick & Sharon Hanson—53 years;
- 9/4 Briar & Heidi Diggs—45 years;
- 9/7 Jay & Deb Getz—47 years;
- 9/13 Ron & Nancy Marks—46 years;

Anniversaries

- 9/16 Steve & Brenda Weber—44 years;
- 9/18 Daniel & Lorrie Beaulieu—56 yrs;
- 9/27 Dick & Nancy Solum—35 years.

Special Congratulations to
Briar & Heidi Diggs on their 45th
Wedding Anniversary!



Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle Bible Study group will meet in Room 406 on **Wednesday, September 8 at 10 am**. All women invited to attend!



immanuel staff

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Congratulations Graduates

Church Council Highlights—No meeting in August.
Next Meeting September 14 at 7 pm

Graduates Honored at Worship, August 29



Julie Papp received her Masters of Arts in Integrated Arts and Education (The Creative Pulse) from The University of Montana. This Master's program embraces critical thinking processes and habits of the mind. The program focuses on developing, refining, and integrating dance, movement, theater, music, and art into teacher and student thinking/learning abilities. I am looking forward to implementing these types of skills into my 5th grade classroom at Jeannette Rankin Elementary School to encourage community building, expression, and engagement.

Jordan Lambert graduated this spring from Missoula College – UM with an AAS, Medical Information Technology. She is currently working at the International Heart Institute, Providence Medical Center.



Logan Murphy graduated cum laude from Missoula's Big Sky High School this spring. He is currently pursuing his skills as a bulk foods artist at our new WinCo Foods. This will be a gap year for Logan as he ponders all the possibilities the future holds for him, and sorts out what is just right for him. In the meantime, you'll find him working, playing in our Montana mountains, fishing, and eating a lot of ice cream! His family would like to thank Immanuel for all of the love and support Logan has received throughout his life, from his theatrical debut as baby Jesus when he was six weeks old in the Christmas program, an over-zealous four-year-old acolyte (giving many of us cause to check the location of fire extinguishers in the sanctuary), to his many summers and ski trips at FLBC. You have made a place for faith formation and family. We all love you.

Family Promise/Bazaar



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The Housing Center is consistently full with up to 30 families! What a blessing for them to have a safe place to stay and food to eat! So far we have provided Welcome Baskets to five families who have found housing with the assistance of their Support Specialists and/or Housing Advocates at the Housing Center.

Thanks to all of you who have been providing main dishes the last few months. Good news is that the kitchen has now been licensed by the Health Department as a semi-commercial kitchen and we have an agreement with the Poverello to act as our commissary kitchen. They will provide a protein, starch and vegetable for dinner Monday through Saturday. Congregations are still responsible during their week to provide salads and desserts. A new requirement that comes with the licensing is that salads and desserts may be either purchased or must be prepared in the Family Housing Kitchen. More details will be coming out before our next rotation in October.

Our next week to assist will be October 4-10th. Be watching for the signup and volunteer! Questions can be directed to Nancy Marks at 406-396-5494 or nan-cy@imluchurch.org

Family Promise

By Nancy Marks



Christmas in July! THANK YOU!



Thanks to all who volunteered, cooked, crafted and shopped at our first Christmas in July Craft Fair and Bake Sale! It was well attended and provided an opportunity to connect with our community and each other! A special thanks to Laurie Swanson for leading the team! (and to Nancy Marks for mentoring her) The Bake Sale and Crafts



netted: \$2,441.50 and the Raffle netted: \$384. Proceeds will go to support Immanuel's Outreach Efforts.

God's Work Our Hands/Walk-Run/WMS

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**September
19, 2021**

Join us for
God's Work, Our Hands
on
Sunday, Sept. 19!
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
(weather permitting) **10 am**
&
Service Projects
following.

Monthly Walk/Run

Join the Ephesians 3:20 Walk/Run Group as we strive for a healthy 2021. This group has been formed across the country to promote healthy living and exercise and also to give us a chance to walk and talk with each other!

Mark your calendars

SEPTEMBER: GRATITUDE WALK

Invite someone who has been influential, helpful or made your life better and tell them why they are important to you.

Ephesians 8:20 Walk/ Run

Saturday September 4, 9 am

Location: UM Campus Walk

Meet at the parking lot at the base of the M. We will take a walk around campus. If you want to do a 5k you can add on a hike to the M!

Signup on the Immanuel website (www.imluchurch.org).



Washington Middle School: Cooking & Crafting Volunteer Opportunities

Our Summer Day Camp was a success and WMS Flagship coordinator has contacted us about hosting Cooking and Crafting in person at the church again for this fall semester. It would be on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 pm beginning September 28th and ending on December 7th, 11 weeks total. All participants would be required to wear masks. And 15 students would be the maximum. The group would be split in half, where half would do crafting and the other half would do cooking. The next week they would flip. That way we would only need to come up with 5 cooking and 5 craft projects for the semester. The last week we would do a combined "party" possibly decorating cookies, and making cards or something similar.

If you are interested in helping with this rewarding ministry, please contact Tudi Smith or Linda Redfern.

Women's Retreat

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Great Divide and Five Valley's Women of the ELCA Clusters will be holding their annual retreat in October this year at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Register by **September 7** to get the early bird rate. Included are meals, workshops and two nights lodging. The retreat starts on Friday, October 15 and ends on Sunday, October 17.

Motivating speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service projects, Music, Great food (no cooking!)... Bring a friend along for a fun, restful, spirit-filled weekend with women of faith on beautiful Flathead Lake.

This year's theme is "When Maps Fail: Traveling with God" and our guest speaker, Reverend Courtney Artzen of Missoula, will use the psalms to guide us on our faith journey. Through workshops, worship, table conversations, and prayer practices, we will discover the psalms engaging us as we journey together.

Immanuel is offering 8 scholarships to attend.

Registration forms and scholarship forms can be found at the church on the Information Table by the door.

Deadline for registration: September 30th. Registration and more info at www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat (button on the Immanuel home page) Questions? Contact Nancy Solum at 406-240-0023 or WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com.



thank you!

Immanuel recently gave permission for a couple young people involved in 4-H to park their trailer in the parking lot during the Fair. They gave a \$100 donation and wrote these words of thanks:

"Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for letting us stay at your fine establishment! And also thank you for supporting the 4-H and FFA exhibitors at this year's Missoula Fair! We appreciate all you do for the community! Thanks again, Tiffany Ioder"

"Thank you so much for allowing us to stay on your property! It truly is a blessing to us to be within walking distance of the fair for the multiple trips a day! Thank you also for your work and outreach to the community. Blessings, Janet Ioder"



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vision and mission statement

vision:

Immanuel is called to be a caring, compassionate, and diverse congregation that is spiritually nourished through Jesus Christ and reaches out to the community at large.

mission:

share the love of Christ with all!

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Join Us For Worship In-Person and On-line

Join us this Sunday at 10 am!
***Livestream services continue, and are recorded
for watching at any time.***

Thriving Beyond Covid—Bible Studies begin September 12 (choose one study);

Family Faith Gatherings—Begin Sunday, September 12, 4-6:15 pm.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday—September 19, various service projects after
OUTDOOR worship at 10 am.